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# Public Notice

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Nashville District

Application No. 200701074 Expires: June 29, 2007

Please address all comments to: Regulatory Branch, 3701 Bell  
Road, Nashville, TN 37214-2660; ATTN: Kim Franklin

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE  
US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
AND  
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

SUBJECT: Proposed Excavation and Fill for Launching Ramp at Wolf  
Creek Mile 2.9 Left Bank, Cumberland River Mile 476.3 Right Bank,  
Lake Cumberland, Russell County, Kentucky

TO ALL CONCERNED: The application described below has been  
submitted for a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to **Section  
10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403) and Section  
404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344)**. Before a permit can be  
issued, certification must be provided by the Commonwealth of  
Kentucky, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet,  
pursuant to Section 401(a)(1) of the CWA, that applicable water  
quality standards will not be violated. By copy of this notice,  
the applicant hereby applies for the required certification.

APPLICANT: Russell County Fiscal Court  
Post Office Box 397  
Jamestown, Kentucky 42629

LOCATION: Wolf Creek Mile 2.9 Left Bank, Cumberland River Mile  
476.3 Right Bank, Lake Cumberland, Russell County, Kentucky (Jabez  
Quadrangle; Latitude 36° 56' 56.64", Longitude 84° 58' 12.39")

DESCRIPTION: The proposed work consists of excavating 8500 cubic  
yards of rock outslope and filling 8500 cubic yards below  
elevation 723 to widen and lengthen an existing launching ramp.  
The site is known as Cave Springs ramp and Island Ramp Road. The  
completed concrete ramp would be 40' wide and 300' in length with  
two shoulders 4' wide with class II channel lining stone. Two 20'  
wide by 50' long slabs would be poured and pushed into place below  
elevation 680. Bottom elevation of the ramp would be 674.  
Proposed plans also include installation of a 140' long 36" pipe  
to capture surface flow.

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide boating access  
during the low water levels at Lake Cumberland. Lake Cumberland  
water level is now at/near elevation 680 while remedial work is

ongoing at Wolf Creek Dam. Normal summer pool elevation is 723, forty-three feet above current elevation. Plans of the proposed work are attached to this notice.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the work must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the work will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. In addition, the evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the CWA (40 CFR Part 230). A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The work has been categorically excluded from environmental documentation by 33 CFR Part 325, Appendix B, Paragraph 6, which became effective on March 4, 1988. An Environmental Assessment may be prepared if extraordinary circumstances are revealed during the public interest review.

An on-site visit of the project area and a review of Nashville District cultural resources files were conducted by the Regulatory

Branch Archeologist. The project area is characterized by a narrow paved roadway cut into a rocky, moderately steep slope ranging anywhere from 20 to 50 degrees. Based on file review, the steepness of the project area, and previous disturbance caused by development of the original launching ramp, the Corps has determined that the project has no potential to affect historic properties eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work, or that adequately documents that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Based on available information, the proposed work will not destroy or endanger any federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act. Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) may occur within the project area, however, there would be no trees removed within the footprint for the proposed ramp widening and extension. Therefore, we have reached a no effect determination, and initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

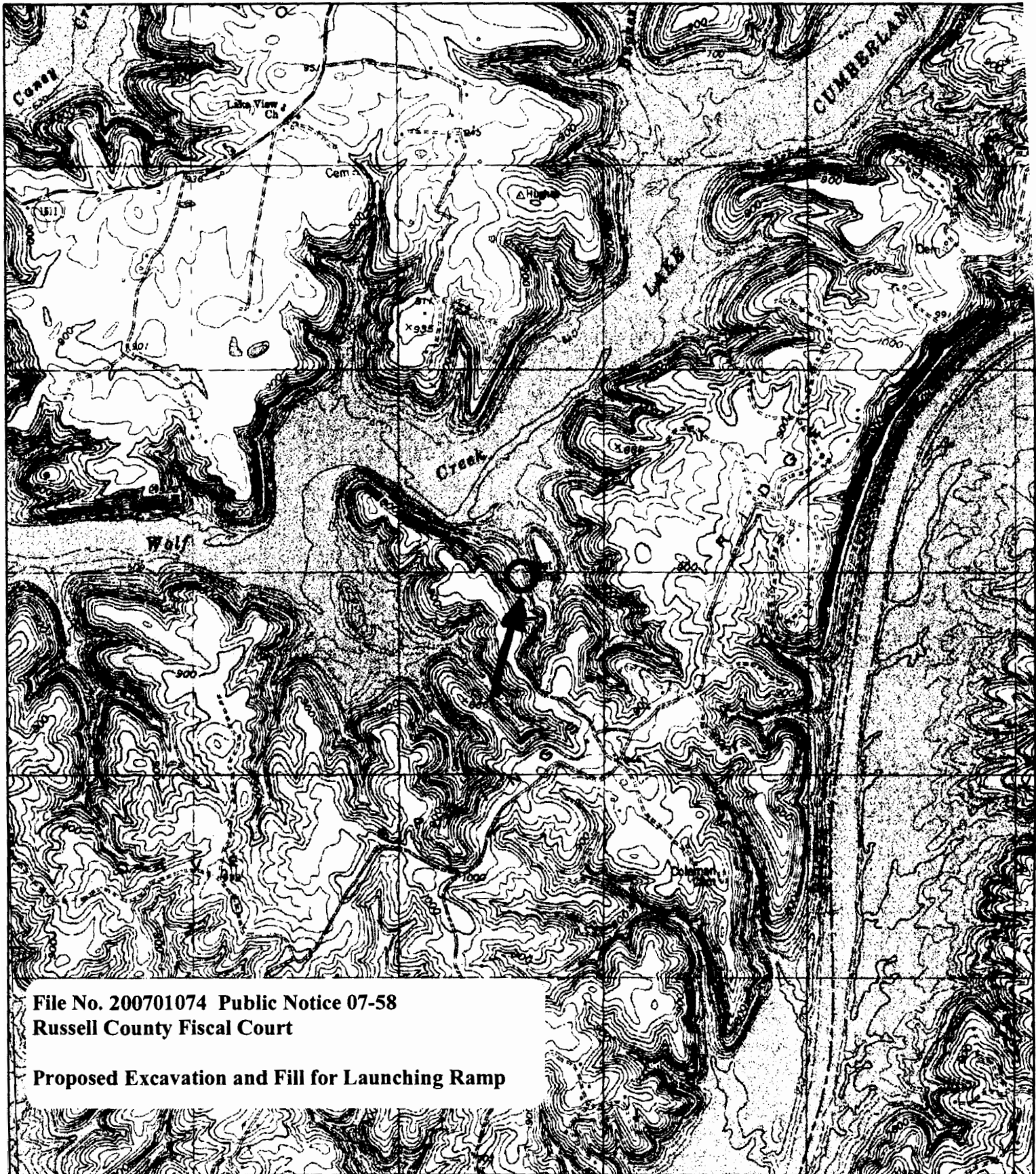
Other federal, state, and/or local approvals required for the proposed work are as follows: water quality certification from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, in accordance with Section 401(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Written statements received in this office on or before **June 29, 2007**, will become a part of the record and will be considered in the determination. Any response to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, Attention: Kim Franklin, at the above address, telephone (615) 369-7511.

If you received this notice by mail and wish to view all of the diagrams, visit our web site at: <http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/cof/notices.htm>, or contact Ms. Franklin at the above address or phone number.

# Cave Springs Launching Ramp Island Ramp Road



5,000

Feet

Jabez Quadrangle

Russell County, KY

### Proposed Excavation and Fill for Launching Ramp



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RAMP TYPICAL SECTION A-A'

ORIGINAL GROUND

PROPOSED SLOPE 1:1  
IRABLE ROCK OUTSLOPE

ROCK

NEW DITCH LINE

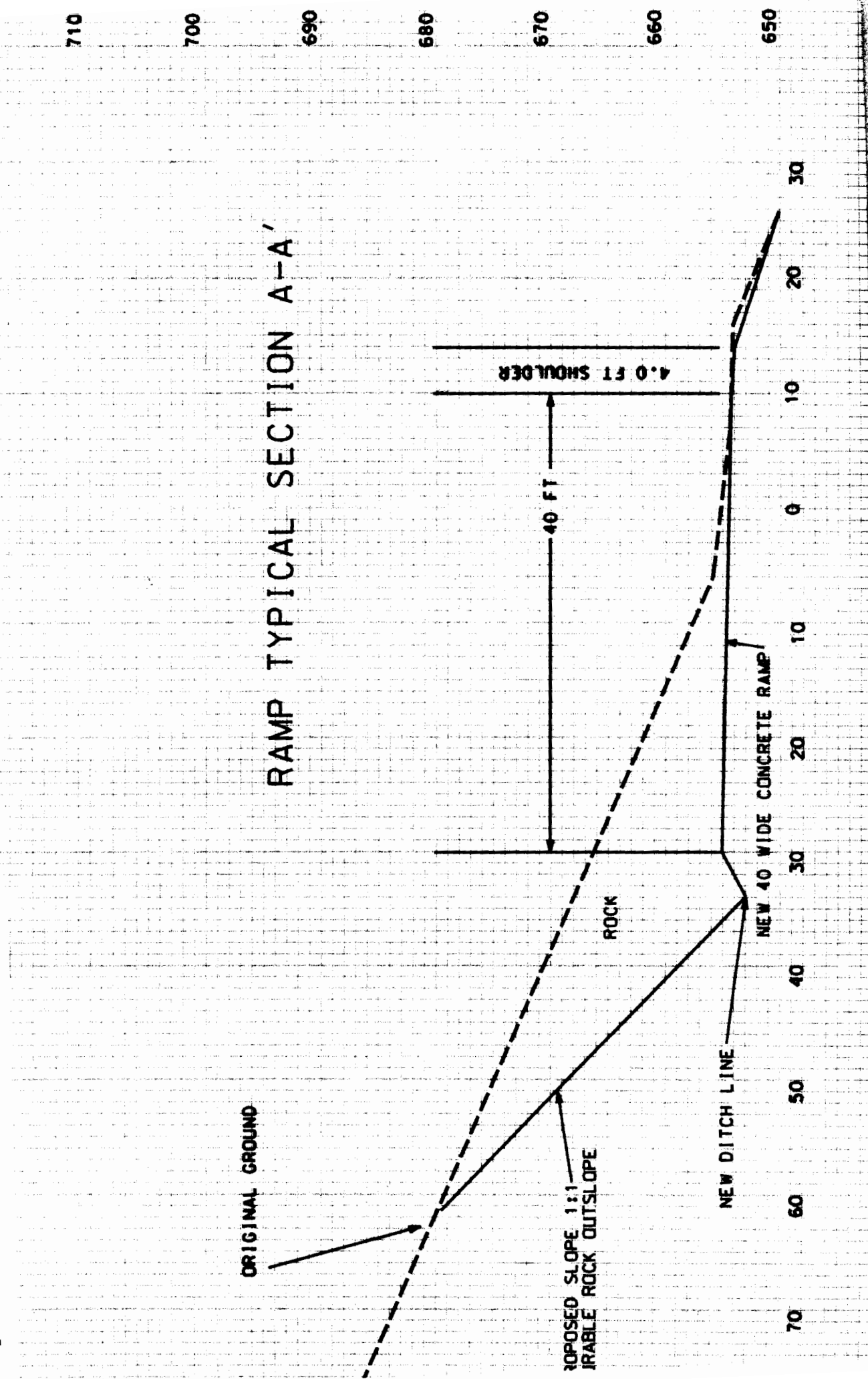
NEW 40' WIDE CONCRETE RAMP

4.0 FT SHOULDER

40 FT

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Proposed Excavation and Fill for Launching Ramp

RAMP TYPICAL SECTION B-B'

